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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY JUN 29
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FOR KRIESBERG/FOSTER

SEVERAL BOMBAY DAILIES CARRY PTI REPORT ABOUT U.S. GIFTING
AN ATOM SMASHER TO POONA UNIVERSITY. REPORTS MENTION THAT
GIFT HAS BEEN MADE BY U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION FOLLOWING
VISIT OF DR. M.C. BHIDE, HEAD OF UNIVERSITY PHYSICS
DEPARTMENT. ONE REPORT GIVES CREDIT TO DR. R. RAMANNA,
DIRECTOR OF BHABHA ATOMIC CENTER FOR HIS SUPPORTIVE EFFORTS.
ATOM SMASHER KNOWN AS "MICROTRON" IS REPORTED TO COST
DOLS100,000 AND BUILT BY LAWRENCE RADIATION LABORATORY,
CALIFORNIA. ONE AND HALF TON MCROTRON IS CAPABLE OF
HURLING BULLETS OF ATOMIC PARTICLES (ELECTRONS) AT A SPEED
OF ABOUT 100,000 KM A SECOND. MICROTRON WAS BROUGHT TO
UNIVERSITY ON MONDAY (JUNE 17) AND IS REPORTED TO BE
FIRST OF ITS KIND IN INDIA. ACCORDING TO MAHARASHTRA TIMES,
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